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SUBJECT: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE TO RELAX SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA

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REF: STATE 158486, SAN SALVADOR 3498

1. AT A RECEPTION AUGUST 15, I ASKED FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER-SECRETARY CASTANEDA WHETHER HIS MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED THE VENEZUELAN AIDE MEMOIRE PROPOSING A FORMULA TO RELAX SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA.

CASTANEDA REPLIED THAT THEY STILL HAD HEARD NOTHING, EITHER FROM THEIR EMBASSY IN CARACAS OR FROM THE VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR HERE. I HANDED HIM A COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE WE RECEIVED AND HE SUGGESTED THAT I CALL HIM THE NEXT DAY.

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2. LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 16 I CALLED CASTANEDA. HE REITERATED

THAT THEY HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM THE VENEZUELAN
AND COULD NOT REPLY UNTIL THEY DID. HOWEVER, ON THE BASIS
OF OUR COPY OF THE AIDE MEMOIRE HIS JUDGEMENT IS THAT
THE VENEZUELAN PORPOSAL CONTRAVENES THE ESTABLISHED
PROCEDURES UNDER THE RIO TREATY AND THE 9TH MFM. SINCE
THE GOES BELIEVES IN ADHERING TO ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES
AND ABIDING BY THE INTER-AMERICAN LEGAL FRAMEWORK IT
OPPOSES IN PRINCIPLE ANY DEVIATIONS SUCH AS THE VENEZUELAN
FORMULA.

3. WHILE CASTANEDA PERSONALLY AGREED WITH US THAT THE
VENEZUELAN PROPOSAL WAS POLITICALLY INOPPORTUNE, HE ALSO
THOUGHT IT USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT "WE IN SALVADOR DO NOT
FEEL THREATENED BY CUBA, HAVE NOT BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR
VERBAL ATTACK BY CUBA AND CONSIDER THE CUBAN THREAT ELSE-
WHERE TO HAVE DIMINISHED IN RECENT YEARS." HOWEVER, HE
HASTNED TO REFER TO PRESIDENT MOLINA'S LAST PUBLIC PRO-
NOUNCEMENT (SAN SALVADOR 1291 OF APRIL 5) OPPOSING "READMISSION
OF CUBA TO THE OAS" SO LONG AS IT "CONTINUES TO BE A BASE FOR
THE EXPORTATION OF INTERNATIONAL SUBVERSION."

4. FINALLY, CASTANEDA TOLD ME THAT THE GOES WOULD BE
CONSULTING THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS ABOUT
VENEZUELA'S PROPOSAL BEFORE IT WOULD REPLY TO ANY VENEZUELAN
INQUIRY. HE PROMISED TO LET ME KNOW WHEN THEY RECEIVE
SOMETHING FROM THE VENEZUELAN.
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